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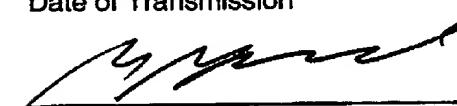
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Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DECONTAMINATING MAIL**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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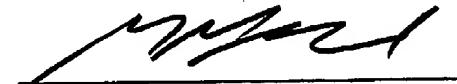
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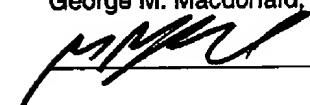
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This communication is submitted in response to the May 3, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendment to the Claims; and
2. Remarks.

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